

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A sugar-free soft chew tablet composition comprising: a reheatable composition that includes a) a mixture of at least two polyols present in an amount from about 15 to 80% by weight, said polyols being selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, maltitol, lactitol and mixtures thereof; b) an emulsifier system present in an amount from about 1.0 to 30% by weight; water in an amount from 0 to 15% by weight; and d) an active agent in an amount from 0.1 to 70% by weight that is added to the reheatable composition either upon cooling or after the composition has be cooled and later reheated to form the soft chew; and e) optional components comprising colors, flavors and binders.[] ~~and an active agent in an amount from 0.1 to 70% by weight that is added to the reheatable composition either upon cooling or after the composition has be cooled and later reheated to form the soft chew.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1 wherein said emulsifier system contains at least one emulsifier and at least one fat.

4. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 3 where in said emulsifier is present in an amount from about 0.5 to 20.0% by weight of the final composition and said fat is present in an amount from about 1.0 to 10.0% by weight of the final composition.

5. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 3, wherein said fat component is selected from the group consisting of chocolate, cocoa butter, palm oil, canola oil, corn oil, sunflower oil, coconut oil, partially hydrogenated soybean oil, partially hydrogenated palm oil, partially hydrogenated coconut oil, partially hydrogenated canola oil, partially hydrogenated cottonseed oil, recinolate, and mixtures thereof.

6. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 3, wherein said emulsifier is selected from the group consisting of acetylated monoglycerides, glycerol esters, lecithin, de-oiled lecithin, enzyme-modified lecithins, purified lecithins, glycerol monostearate, polyglycerol esters, propylene glycol esters, sorbitan esters, polysorbate esters, sodium laurel sulfate, polyethylene glycols, sorbitol mono-, di- and tri-stearates and mixtures thereof.

7. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of dietary fiber, stannol esters, therapeutically active substances, vitamins, minerals, antacids, cough and cold medications, analgesics, cardiovascular medications, anti-smoking, psycho-therapeutics, antibiotics, and mixtures thereof.

8. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, further comprising a viscosity improvement agent present in an amount from about 0.1 to 10% by weight of the final composition.

9. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 8, wherein said viscosity improvement agent is selected from the group consisting of locust bean gum, guar gum, hydrolyzed guar gum, carrageenan, starches, gum arabic, gelatin, agar, alginate, pectin and mixtures thereof.

10. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, further comprising a bioadhesive agent.

11. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 10, wherein said bioadhesive agent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, acrylic esters, polyvinyl acetates, alcohols and gums.

12. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said mixture of at least two polyols is present in an amount of about 20 to 50% by weight.

13. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said active agent is an amount of about 1.0 to 50% by weight.

14. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said active agent is at least one fiber.

15. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 14, wherein said fiber is selected from the group consisting of noncellulosic polysaccharides, pectin, gums, algal polysaccharides, specialty maltodextrins, cellulose, hemicellulose, fructo-oligo saccharides, psyllium, lignin, mucilages and mixtures thereof.

16-39. (canceled)